WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1   1.   A method for accepting payments from a consumer for a travel ticket

2   from a travel company, the method comprising:

3   receiving at a point of sale device a transaction request that includes a

4   transaction identifier that identifies a travel arrangement made with the travel company and a

5   payment amount;

6   transmitting the payment amount and the transaction identifier to a host

7   computer system for validation;

8   receiving a validation from the host computer system indicating that the

9   transaction requested has been validated;

10   receiving a payment from the consumer; and

11   electronically transmitting at least a portion of the payment to the travel

12   company.

1   2.   The method as in claim 1 further comprising storing a record of the

2   payment and the associated transaction request in a database.

1   3.   The method as in claim 1 further comprising contacting an airline

2   reservation system to stage the transaction and obtain the transaction identifier and the

3   payment amount prior to receiving the transaction request at the point of sale device.

1   4.   The method as in claim 1 further comprising transmitting to the travel

2   company a confirmation that the payment was made by the consumer.

1   5.   The method as in claim 1 wherein sending at least the portion of the

2   payment to the travel company comprises electronically sending at least the portion of the

3   payment to an account of the travel company.

1   6.   The method as in claim 3 further comprising electronically

2   transmitting from the host computer system to the travel reservation system a request to

3   validate the transaction request.

1   7.   The method as 6 further comprising receiving from the travel

2   reservation system a response to the request to validate the transaction, wherein the response

3   includes an expected payment, and further comprising comparing at the host computer

4   system the expected payment with the payment amount.

1   8.   The method as in claim 7 wherein the validation is transmitted from

2   the host computer system to the point of sale device if the expected payment matches the

3   payment amount.

1   9.   The method as in claim 8 wherein the validation further includes the

2   expected payment in a currency where the point of sale device is located.

1   10.   The method as in claim 8 wherein an error message is transmitted to

2   the point of sale device is the expected payment does not match the payment amount, and

3   further comprising re-entering the payment amount at the point of sale device.

1   11.   The method as in claim 1 further comprising providing a confirmation

2   to the consumer after the receiving the payment.

1   12.   The method as in claim 11 wherein the confirmation comprises a paper

2   receipt.

1   13.   The method as in claim 11 wherein the confirmation comprises a travel

2   ticket.

1   14.   The method as in claim 1 wherein the transaction request further

2   includes the consumer's name.

1   15.   A method for facilitating a payment from a consumer for travel tickets

2   sold by a travel company, the method comprising:

3   receiving at a host computer system from a money transfer location a

4   transaction request that includes a confirmation identifier and a payment amount generated by

5   a travel reservation system that relates to a travel arrangement made with the travel company;

6   transmitting the confirmation identifier to the travel reservation system from

7   the host computer system for validation;

8   receiving a confirmation from the travel reservation system that includes an

9   expected payment amount;

10   comparing at the host computer system the expected payment with the

11   payment amount; and

| 12 | transmitting a validation to a money transfer location if the expected payment |
| 13 | is the same as the payment amount. |

1	16.	A method as in claim 15, further comprising transmitting an error
2	message to the money transfer location is the expected payment is different from the payment
3	amount.

1	17.	A method as in claim 15, further comprising receiving at the host
2	computer system an indication that the payment amount has been received at the money
3	transfer location, and transmitting a request to electronically transfer at least a portion of the
4	payment amount to an account of the travel company.

1	18.	A method facilitating a payment from a consumer for travel tickets
2	sold by a travel company, the method comprising:
3	receiving a reservation request for a travel arrangement offered by a travel
4	company;
5	storing a reservation in a travel reservation system that includes a confirmation
6	identifier and a ticket price;
7	receiving a confirmation identifier from a host computer system along with a
8	request to validate the confirmation identifier; and
9	transmitting from the reservation system to the host computer system an
10	expected payment that is associated with the received confirmation identifier.

1	19.	A method as in claim 18, further comprising receiving a country code
2	from the host computer system and transmitting to the host computer system customer
3	service information related to the country code.

1	20.	A method as in claim 18, further comprising receiving a currency code
2	at the reservation system and transmitting to the host computer system the expected payment
3	in a currency corresponding to the currency code.

1	21.	A point of sale system for accepting payments from a consumer for a
2	travel ticket from a travel company, the system comprising:
3	a processor;
4	an input device;
5	a communication device; and

6   a storage medium, wherein the storage medium includes instructions

7   executable by the processor to:

8   receive a transaction request input from the input device that includes a

9   transaction identifier that identifies a travel arrangement made with the travel company and a

10   payment amount;

11   transmit the payment amount and the transaction identifier to a host computer

12   system for validation using the communication device;

13   receive a validation from the host computer system indicating that the

14   transaction requested has been validated using the communication device;

15   receive an indication of payment from the consumer suing the input device;

16   and

17   electronically transmit a message of the payment to a host computer system

18   using the communication device so that at least a portion of the payment may be transmitted

19   to the travel company.

1   22.   The system as in claim 21 further comprising a printer adapted for

2   printing a receipt.

1   23.   A host computer system for facilitating payments from a consumer to a

2   travel company for a travel ticket issued from a travel company, the system comprising:

3   a processor;

4   an input device;

5   an output device; and

6   a storage medium, wherein the storage medium includes instructions

7   executable by the processor to:

8   receive from a money transfer location using the input device a transaction

9   request that includes a confirmation identifier and a payment amount generated by a travel

10   reservation system that relates to a travel arrangement made with the travel company;

11   transmit the confirmation identifier using the output device to the travel

12   reservation system for validation;

13   receive a confirmation from the travel reservation system that includes an

14   expected payment amount;

15   compare the expected payment with the payment amount; and

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16   transmit a validation to a money transfer location if the expected payment is

17   the same as the payment amount.